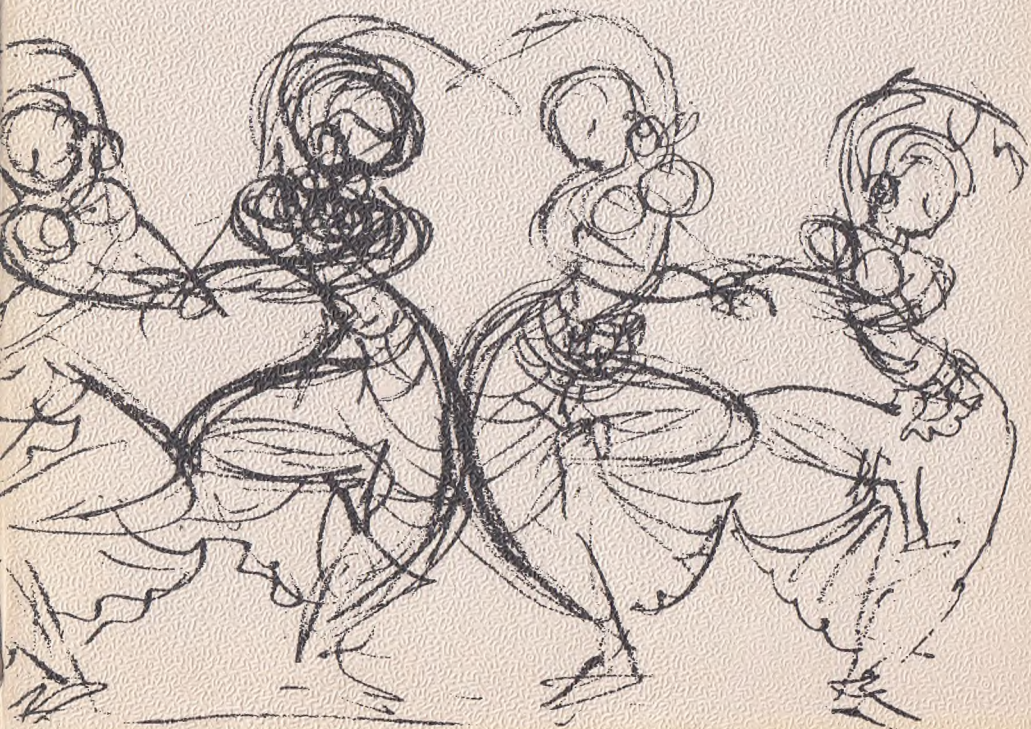


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1/ Be Empty — and You will Know

Dear Krishna Saraswati,

Love. Be empty and you will know.

Be empty and you will be the mirror.

Oh! Only total nothingness is capable to know all.

I have heard that the Nun Chinayo studied for years——
and meditated for years the ultimate questions of Existence but
was unable to find the Light.

The thinking was filling her so much that she could not be
a passage to the Divine.

She was so much filled by herself that she could not be a
host to the Divine Guest.

And, the more she longed for enlightenment—the more far
off it was.

But one moonlight night she was carrying an old pail filled
with water—and the thing happened!

She was watching the full moon reflected in her pail-water,
when the bamboo drip that held the pail-staves broke.

The pail fell all apart, the water rushed out: the moon's
reflection disappeared—and with it disappeared Chinayo herself.

She was not—but the Enlightenment was there!

She wrote this verse :

“This way and that way

I tried to keep the pail together

Hoping the weak bamboo


Would never break.

But, suddenly the bottom fell out:

No more water

No more moon in the water;

And, Emptiness in my hand!”



19.4.1971

(To Swami Krishna Saraswati, Bombay, India)

2/ Live Death — Moment to Moment

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. Goethe is said to have cried when dying: "Light, light, more light!"

And, Miguel Unamuno has responded with his: "No—warmth, warmth, more warmth! For we die of cold and not of darkness!"

But I say to you that we neither die because of cold, nor because of darkness; but because of our lust for living or because of our fear of death which is to say the same thing in different terms.

Do not look at death as opposite to life—because it is not.

And live death moment to moment—do not postpone it for the end—because that creates fear.

Die each moment to the past.

And, then each moment you will be fresh—young and reborn.

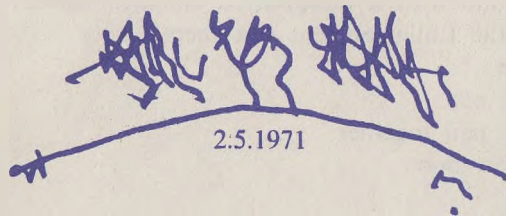
And, then there is LIGHT always.

Because the very darkness becomes light.

And, warmth also.

Because, only the dead past is cold.

The present is always warm.



(To Miss Margherita Russo, now Ma Ananda Sadhana, President, Neo-Sannyas International, for France, 1 Passage Ravch, Paris 11e, France)

3/ Look — With the Heart

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. **The eyes are blind—one must look with the heart.**

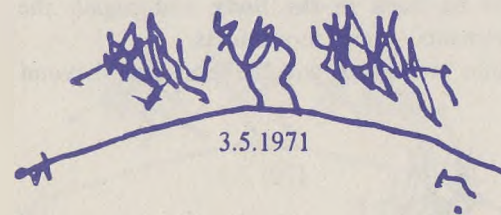
So do not believe the eyes.

Believe the heart.

And, remember to look through it.

And, then you will come to know things unbelievable.

And unless one comes to know the unbelievable one has not known at all.



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

4/Ecstasy of Total Living in the Body

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. Live in the body intimately.

And, deeply.

Feel the body more and let the body feel more.

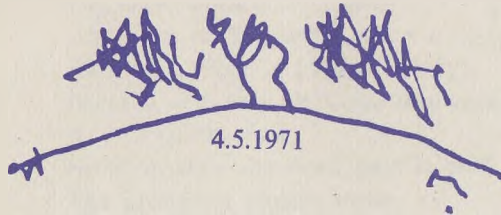
It is astonishing how many people are almost completely unaware of themselves physically.

The body is too much suppressed and denied life.

That is why it is just a dead weight and not a living joy.

That is why I insist **be back in the body** and regain the wonderful joy in its movements—sheer movements.

Make it a meditation and you will be enriched beyond comprehension.



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

5/Meditation Plus Love is the Path

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. **Meditation is disciplined opening of the self to God.**

Because of fear we are closed.

And, only love can become a door.

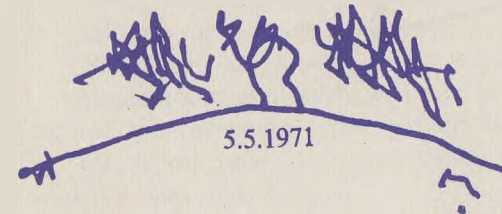
So love more, or rather be loving.

Then there is less fear and less tension.

And, you are more open.

This helps meditation as nothing helps.

Meditation plus Love is the Path.



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

6/ Meditate, Pray and Wait

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. Meditate, Pray and Wait.

Do not will anything.

For in you there is strength greater than any strength of your own.

But it works only when your **will is at rest.**



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

7/ Listen—Because the Message is Everywhere

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. Whatever I say is nothing new, neither is it anything old.

Or it is both—the oldest and the newest.

And to know it you need not listen to me.

Oh! listen to the birds in the morning or to the flowers and grass blades in the sun and you will hear it.

And if you do not know how to listen then you will not know from me either.

So the real thing is not what you listen—but How you listen.

Because the message is everywhere—everywhere—everywhere.

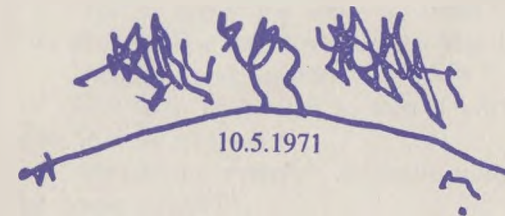
Now I will tell you the art of listening :

Roam about until exhausted or dance or do vigorous breathing and then dropping to the ground **listen.**

Or, repeat your own name loudly until exhausted and then suddenly stop and listen.

Or, at the point of sleep when sleep has not yet come and external wakefulness vanishes, be alert suddenly and **listen.**

AND, THEN YOU WILL HEAR ME.



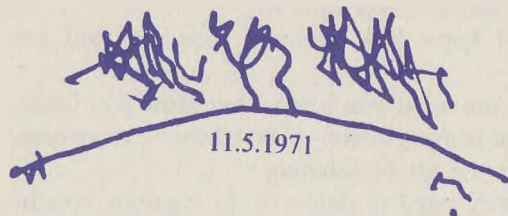
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8/Relax and There is Ecstasy

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. Live humbly and in wonder.
And then meditation comes of itself.
Relax and there is ecstasy.

But effort is needed—because unless it fails completely you will not be effortless!



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

9/Things—Which Can Not Be Proved

Beloved Sadhana,

Love. There are things which cannot be proved.
And, there is no evidence for them.

Because they are self evident.

And to try to prove them is ridiculous.
And the effort shows that one is not acquainted with them.
And such are all the proofs for God.

Sitting one day in the tea-house, Mulla Nasrudin heard the rhetoric of a travelling scholar. He was arguing for the existence of God. Questioned by one of the company on some point, the scholar drew a book from his pocket and banged it on the table: "This is my evidence! AND, I wrote it myself."

A man who could not only read but write was a rarity. And a man who had written a book! The villagers treated the pundit with profound respect

And, of course, Mulla Nasrudin was impressed!

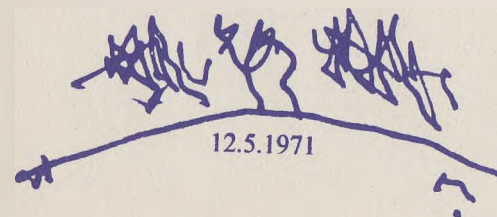
Some days later Mulla appeared at the tea-house and asked whether any one wanted to buy a house.

"Tell us something about it, Mulla," the people asked him, "for we did not even know that you had a house of your own."

"Actions speak louder than words!" shouted Nasrudin.

And, from his pocket he took a brick, and hurled it on the table in front of them.

"This is my evidence. Examine it for quality. And, I built the house myself!"



(To Ma Ananda Sadhana, Paris, France)

10/ Remember that Nothing Matters

Beloved Dhyana Siddhi,

Love. Be a stranger to yourself.

See life as a river flowing through time.

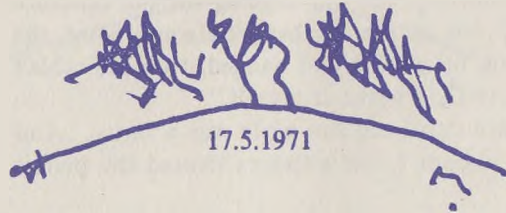
Stand on the bank—neither curious, nor concerned.

Glance or gaze at the driftwood of your past floating in memory—just like the incidents one reads about in the paper.

Detached and indifferent remember that nothing matters.

ONLY EXIST.

And the explosion.



(To Ma Dhyana Siddhi, alias Mrs. Eunice Wellington, Secretary,
Neo-Sannyas International, for World Head Quarters, New York,
U.S.A.)

11/ Forgetfulness of Death

Dear Krishna Saraswati,

Love. Death is everywhere, but everyone deceives himself that it is not for him.

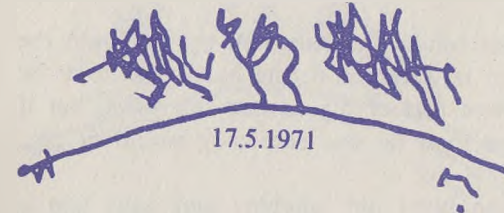
This is the greatest and the deepest deception the human mind is capable of.

And unless one is constantly aware of this fact one is bound to be a victim of this deception—because the mind goes on giving very beautiful and logical rationalizations upto the very end.

I have heard about a ninety-year-old man who got into a bitter argument with his shoemaker as to how a pair of shoes should be made.

“See here”, said the shoemaker, “What’s the idea of doing so much yapping? You are past ninety and there is little chance of your living long enough to wear these shoes out.”

The old fellow looked sternly at the shoemaker and said, “Apparently you are not aware that statistics prove that very few people die after ninety years of age.”



(To Swami Krishna Saraswati, Bombay, India)

12/Golden Rule—One Step at a Time

Dear Krishna Kabeer,

Love. Always remember **the golden rule** : One step at a time.

A good-natured woman was often asked for food by tramps. She finally decided to refuse them; it was becoming too burdensome. But shortly after she made her resolution, one young man stepped and asked her for a little piece of thread. She noticed that his pants were badly ripped, that he had a needle, and she realized he could not get work with his pants in their present condition, so she gave him the thread. The fellow took the thread, went down the road and sat under a tree for a few minutes, then came back to the house. He told the woman he could not repair the pants unless he had a piece of cloth for a patch. She gave him a small piece of material.

About an hour later the young fellow came again to the house and said: "Madam, these pants are beyond repair. It would be very good of you if you could give me a pair of your husband's old pants." So she gave him a pair of old pants and smiled at his cleverness.

The young man went behind the barn and changed into the pants given to him. Then he returned to the house and told the woman that the pants were sort of big around the waist, but if she could give him some food he was sure they would fit perfectly.

This time the woman burst out laughing and gave him a big dinner. And, all because he took one step at a time.



(To Swami Krishna Kabeer, Secretary, Neo-Sannyas International, for India, Ahmedabad, India)

13/ Man Suffers Because of His Craving

Beloved Dhyana Siddhi,

Love. **Why does man suffer?**

Man suffers because of his craving.

Craving to possess that which cannot be possessed.

And craving to keep things for ever with himself which are essentially impermanent.

And, chief among these things is his own EGO.

His own Persona.

But all things are impermanent.

Except change itself, everything changes.

Really nothing is; because everything is only a process.

So as soon as one tries to possess them they slip away.

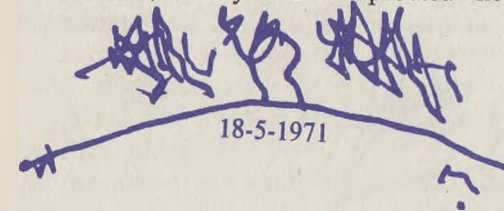
The possessor himself is slipping away constantly!

And, then there is frustration.

And, then there is suffering.

Know this well—realize this well and there will be no suffering.

Because, then you have uprooted the root.



(To Ma Dhyana Siddhi, Larchmont, New York, U.S.A.)

14/ Courage on the Inner Way

Beloved Dhyana Siddhi,

Love. **Meditation is a mirror.**
And, the most faithful one.

Whoever goes into meditation risks a confrontation with himself.

And the mirror of meditation never lies.

And it does not flatter.

It is impartial and innocent.

And, it never projects anything.

It only faithfully shows your real—original face.

The face we never show to the world.

The face that we ourselves have forgotten.

So it is possible that you yourself may not be able to recognize it for the first time!

But do not escape from it.

Face it and you will come to know and recognize.

This confrontation is the first test of courage on the inner way.

So when it comes to happen—rejoice and feel blessed.



(To Ma Dhyaa Siddhi, Larchmont, New York, U.S.A.)

15/ The Way to the Inner Treasure

Beloved Dhyana Siddhi,

Love. I know that the apprenticeship is very hard but **WORTH.**

So keep on.

It is arduous—but **one has to pay for everything.**

And in no other way can you get to the great **TREASURE.**

And you have longed for it lives and lives.

And, **NOW** when the time is ripe and the **KEY** is being given to you—**do not lose courage.**

The access to the **TREASURE** is difficult because it is hidden in our own unconscious layers of the mind.

It will be easy if you approach that threshold when the diurnal tide favours, that is when you are passing from sleep to waking or from waking to sleep.

Evening and morning are therefore probably the best times for meditation.

You might have noted that when the mind is recovering from sleep it takes at least fifteen minutes to close one aperture and open fully the other.

That is why dreams can not last more than that in memory after waking.

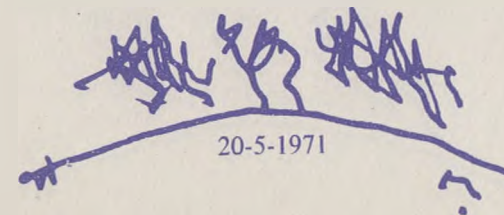
When the mind is approaching sleep, it again passes across the same threshold.

Be aware of this **THRESHOLD**—because it is very significant for those who are in search of the inner treasure.

This threshold is the gate to the unknown.

This threshold—this gap between waking and sleep must be used for meditation.

Be aware of the gap—be a witness of the interval and you will be transformed.



(To Ma Dhyana Siddhi, Larchmont, New York, U.S.A.)

16/Do not Waste Time—Begin

Beloved Dhyana Siddhi,

Love. **The journey is long.**
And, the path is pathless.
And one has to be alone.
There is no map.
And, no one to guide.
But there is no alternative.
One cannot escape it.
One cannot evade it.
One has to go on the journey.
The goal seems impossible.
But the urge to go on it is intrinsic.
The need is deep in the soul.
Really you are the urge—you are the need.
And consciousness cannot be otherwise.
It is because of this challenge.
And, because of this adventure.
So do not waste time and BEGIN.
Do not calculate and BEGIN.
Do not hesitate and BEGIN.
Do not look back and BEGIN.

And always remember old Lao-Tzu's words: "A tree that takes both arms to encircle, grows from a tiny rootlet. A many storied pagoda is built by placing one brick upon another brick. A journey of three thousand miles is begun by a single step."



(To Ma Dhyana Siddhi, Larchmont, New York, U.S.A.)

17/Dreams and Desires—in Vain

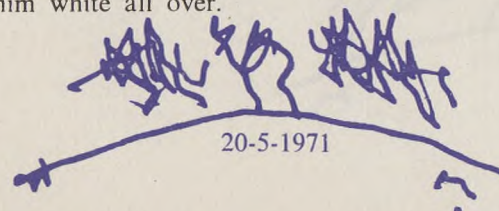
Dear Krishna Kabeer,

Love. Man goes on dreaming and desiring.
But basically remains where he is.
And in the end nothing but ashes of his dreams and desires
are in his hands.
And, of course, tears in his eyes.

Panchatantra has a beautiful story: In a certain town lived a Brahman named Seedy, who got some barley meal by begging, ate a portion and filled a jar with the remainder. This jar he hung, on a peg one night, placed his cot beneath it, and fixing his gaze on the jar, fell into a hypnotic reverie.

"Well, here is a jar full of barley meal," he thought. "Now if famine comes, a hundred rupees will come out of it. With that sum I will get two she-goats. Every six months they will bear two more she-goats. After goats, cows. When the cows calve, I will sell the calves. After cows—buffaloes, after buffaloes; mares. From the mares I shall get plenty of horses. The sales of these will mean plenty of gold. The gold will buy a great house with an inner court. Then someone will come to my house and offer his lovely daughter with a dowry. She will bear a son, whom I shall call Moon-lord. When he is old enough to ride on my knee, I will take a book, sit on the stable roof and think. Just then Moon-lord will see me, will jump from his mother's lap in his eagerness to ride on my knee and will go too near the horses. Then I shall get angry and tell my wife to take the boy. But she will be too busy with her chores and will not pay attention to what I say. Then I will get up and kick her!"

Being sunk in his hypnotic dream, he let fly such a kick that he smashed the jar. And the barley meal it contained turned him white all over.



(To Swami Krishna Kabeer, Ahmedabad, India)

18/ Pseudo-Awareness

Dear Chaitanya Veetaraga,

Love. Are you really aware of what anger is?

Are you really aware of it when it is present?

I ask these questions because **man is never present in the present.**

Man lives in the past and only becomes aware of anything when it has become a part of memory.

One becomes aware of anger or sadness only when they are all over.

And then awareness is just pseudo-awareness.

It is not awareness but remembering.

And remembering leads nowhere.

Because it is running in a circle.

And then one can fight with anger but can never understand it.

And fighting with anger is anger—of course more subtle, and therefore more strong and more poisonous.

So do not think about anger, or sadness, or happiness.

And, do not misunderstand their remembering as their awareness.

But be **AWARE** when anger is present.

Be totally conscious of it.

Live it consciously.

And do not escape from it.

And then you will know it what it is.

And to understand it is to transcend it.

And then you will find a silence descending on you which passes all understanding.



(To Swami Chaitanya Veetaraga, Raipur, M.P. India)

19/ Awareness is Egolessness

Dear Chaitanya Veetaraga,

Love. If one is aware of the present moment, then one also becomes aware of the fact that there is no 'me' inside.

The me is my past.

The me is the dead past.

The me is not my life because, it is not living.

The ego can exist only in the past or in the future which is nothing but a projection of the past.

That is why awareness—moment to moment awareness leads to egolessness.

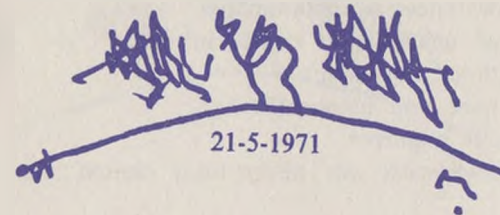
Because **the ego cannot exist in the present.**

And because awareness cannot exist except in the present.

So they both cannot exist simultaneously.

Ego is unawareness.

And, awareness is egolessness.



(To Swami Chaitanya Veetaraga, Raipur, M.P. India)

20 God is—When You Are Not

Dear Chaitanya Veetaraga,

Love. **God is when you are not.**

When you are, IT is not.

Because you are nothing but a blindness.

The ego cannot see.

The ego cannot be aware.

The ego exists only as a by-product of unconscious living.

One goes on living as if in sleep.

And in this sleep the part begins to dream as the **WHOLE**.

And this dreaming becomes a barrier to know the **WHOLE**.

Begin to be aware.

Aware of your actions, thoughts and emotions.

Just **AWARE**.

Because, if you condemn or appreciate, you will not be aware.

In any choice the awareness is contaminated.

And, the darkness of unawareness comes in.

So just be aware without any choice.

Then awareness is pure and innocent.

And then awareness is a mirror.

In this mirror-like awareness one never finds oneself but finds that-which-is.

And, that is God.

But it is only when you are not.

Because **you are the dust which makes the mirror blind.**

Because you are the blindness.



(To Swami Chaitanya Veetaraga, Raipur, M.P. India)

21/ Logic Is Not All

Dear Krishna Saraswati,

Love. Logic is not all.

Neither is consistency.

Because, even madness has its own methods, rationalizations and inner consistencies.

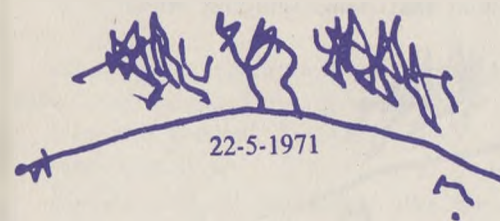
A madman was throwing handfuls of crumbs around his house.

"What are you doing?" someone asked him.

"Keeping the elephants away."

"But there are no elephants in these parts," said the enquirer.

"That is right. My method is effective, isn't it?" declared the madman.



(To Swami Krishna Saraswati, Bombay, India)

22/Beyond All Doing—Is the Being

Dear Krishna Kabeer,

Love, Remember always the ONE who is inside the body.
Walking, sitting, eating—or doing anything remember the ONE, who is neither walking, nor sitting, nor eating.

All doing is on the surface.

And beyond all doing is the Being.

So be aware of the non-doer in the doing, of the non-mover in the moving.

One day Mulla Nasrudin's wife ran to his room when she heard a tremendous thump.

"Nothing to worry about," said the Mulla. "it was only my cloak which fell to the ground."

"What?—And made a noise like that?" asked his wife.

"Yes—I was inside it at that time," said the Mulla.



(To Swami Krishna Kabeer, Ahmedabad, India)

23/ Witnessing of the Dreaming Mind

Dear Ananda Paramhansa,

Love. **Life is a dream.**

So enjoy it—but do not ask for more.

Because, then, you only disturb the dream and get nothing except a disturbed night.

Be a witness to the dreaming mind and then there is transcendence—then you go beyond dreaming and beyond mind itself.

And know well that there is an awakening below the dreaming mind which is nothing but just a disturbed dream.

One can get to this below-dreaming-state-of awakening through asking for more—desiring for more—as ordinarily we all do.

In a dream Mulla Nasrudin saw himself being counted out coins.

And, when there were nine silver pieces in his hand, the invisible donor stopped giving them.

Nasrudin shouted, "I MUST HAVE TEN!" so loudly that he woke himself up.

Finding that all the money had disappeared he closed his eyes again and murmured, "All right, then, give them back—I will take the nine."

There is also an awakening above the dreaming mind—the real awakening in comparison to which man ordinarily is asleep.

One can get to this awakening through WITNESSING the dreaming mind—and unless one gets to it one is not really alive.



(To Swami Ananda Paramhansa, Jabalpur, M.P., India)

24/ Silence is Benediction

Dear Chaitanya Veetaraḡa,

Love. Silence is benediction.

But not the silence which you can create.

Because **you are the noise.**

So you cannot create silence.

But you can create the illusion of it.

And this illusion is created by all sorts of auto-hypnotic techniques.

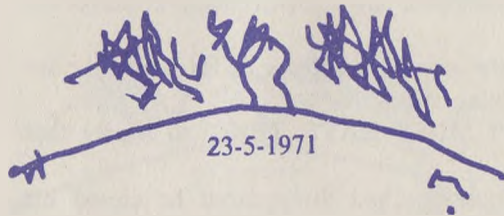
So **never use auto-suggestions to be silent.**

Rather be aware of the constantly chattering mind.

And be aware not to make it still but to understand it.

And this very understanding flowers into a silence which is not just absence of noise.

But a positive bliss.



(To Swami Chaitanya Veetaraḡa, Raipur, M.P., India)

25/ Subtle Role of the Ego

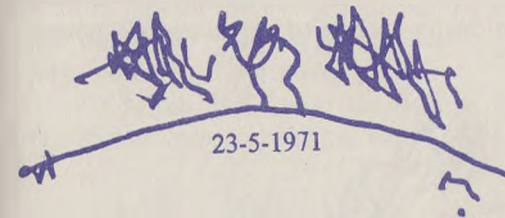
Dear Krishna Saraswati,

Love. Ego plays a subtle role everywhere.

Not only in men, but in mice also!

An arrogant elephant looked down contemptuously at a mouse and said: "You are just about the puniest little creature, I have ever seen."

"I am not always like this," squeaked the mouse. "I have been sick."



(To Swami Krishna Saraswati, Bombay, India)

26/ Endless Self-Deceptions of Man

Dear Yoga Chinmaya,

Love. There is no end to man's self-deception.
Because, whatsoever he is going to do, he can rationalize it.

One day one man boasted in the bar that he is a man of iron will and now he will show it by not touching wine again in his life.

But not even that day could pass.

And in the evening he came to the bar and said loudly for all to hear: "I am more stronger than my will power. And, I fought the whole day and finally conquered my damn will-power. A double scotch, please."



(To Swami Yoga Chinmaya, Bombay, India)

27/Man is a Rationalizing Animal

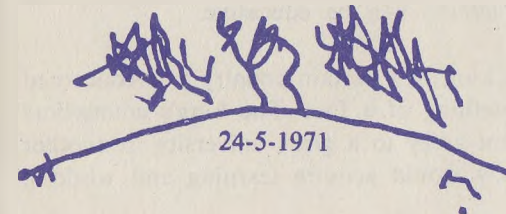
Dear Yoga Chinmaya,

Love, Man is not a rational animal—but only a rationalizing one.

And, that is more dangerous than just to be irrational.

"Give a shot of bourbon and a shot of water," said the obviously heavy drinker to the bar-tender. When the order was placed before him on the bar, the lush pulled a worm from his pocket and dropped it into the glass of water. After watching it swim around for a few seconds, the man drew the worm from the water and dropped it into the whisky. It wriggled briefly, then, curled up and died.

"You see that?" said the lush to the bar-tender. "It proves that if you keep on drinking whisky, you will never have worms."



(To Swami Yoga Chinmaya, Bombay, India)

28/Total Mutation of the Mind

Dear Krishna Kabeer,

Love. Information is not knowledge.

Because information is not transformation and can never be.

And **knowledge comes only through transformation.**

Information is adding something to the same old mind.

It is quantitative.

There is no qualitative change because the mind behind remains the same.

That is why all that is called education just proves superficial.

Mind must go through qualitative change.

Othewise there is no wisdom.

And to go on adding information to ignorance is fatal.

I call meditation, the method for mind's total mutation.

First let there be a transformation of the very quality of the mind and only then education can be educative.

In ancient times the king of a certain country was concerned because his son was something of a fool. The king's counsellors urged that the son be sent away to a great university in another land, in the hope the boy would acquire learning and wisdom. The king agreed.

The son studied hard for several years, then wrote his father that he had learned just about everything possible, and pleaded to be allowed to return home. The king assented.

When the son arrived at the palace, the king was overjoyed. A great feast was prepared, and all the great men of the kingdom were invited. At the end of the festivities one of the sages present asked the son what he had learned.

The young man ticked off the university's curriculum that he had gone through. While the lad was talking, the sage slipped a ring off his finger, closed his hand over it, held up his hand, and asked, "What do I hold in my hand?"

The son thought for a moment and said, 'It is a round object with a whole in the centre.'

The sage was astonished at such wisdom. May be the lad had become a great mind. "Will you now name this object?" asked the sage.

The king's son pondered for a few moments, then said, "The sciences that I studied do not aid me in answering your question, but my own common sense tells me that it is a cart-wheel!"

The sage concluded to himself that you can educate a fool but you cannot make him think.

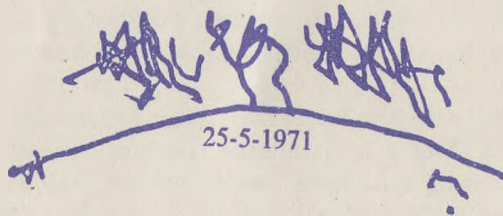


(To Swami Krishna Kabeer, Ahmedabad, India)

29/The Known Must Cease for the Unknown to Be

Dear Chaitanya Veetaraga,

Love. To explore truth **one must be free of one's prejudices.**
That is: from oneself.
Otherwise one goes round and round in circles.
Because the known can never be the door for the unknown.
And the known is the mind.
So mind becomes the barrier.
Look attentively at this fact.
Be alert of the vicious circle of the mind.
And, then there is transcendence.
The known must cease for the unknown to be.
The known must go for the unknown to come in.
And this cessation of the known is meditation.



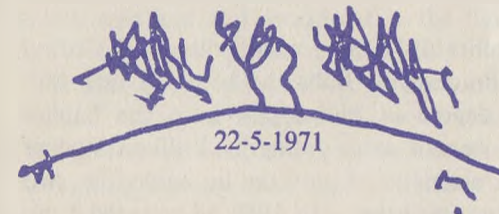
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(To Swami Chaitanya Veetaraga, Raipur, M.P., India)

30/The Silent Music

Dear Yoga Chinmaya,

Love. **From sound to soundlessness is the path,**
Intone a sound as A-U-M, slowly.
And as sound enters soundlessness, **so do you.**
Or, Remain in the gap between any two sounds.
And you yourself will become soundlessness.
Or, bathe in the continuous sound of a water fall—or any
other.
Or, by putting fingers in ears hear the **source sound of all
sounds.**
And there will be a sudden explosion of the silent music
of the cosmos upon you.
**In anyway fall in the abyss of soundlessness and you will
achieve the Divine.**



22-5-1971

(To Swami Yoga Chinmaya, Bombay, India)

BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH: A GLIMPSE

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is an Enlightened One, who has become one with Infinity, the Totality. He is NOT—but the Infinity breathes through him. He is not a person but the Divinity personified. Transcendental Truth shines every moment through him. **His eyes, his fingers, his gestures, his laughter, his smile, brings the message from the beyond and the transcendental.** In fact, he is not living in Cosmic Consciousness, but has become the Cosmic Consciousness. Even further, he lives beyond Cosmos, beyond Being — in No-Being, in No-thingness, in the Great Void—Nirvana.

There lies in him the essence of Lao-tse, Buddha, Krishna and Christ. He says, they are one and the same. A seeker of truth can feel the mystery of his existence and the radiation of the divinity in him. **By his very presence the seeker feels that something mysterious has started changing and awakening within him.**

Born on 11th December 1931, in a small village of Central Province (now Madhya Pradesh) in India, he bloomed into fullness, took his Master's degree in Philosophy from the Saugar University in 1957. He was an extra-ordinarily brilliant student and stood first in the University. Later on he served in two colleges as a Professor for nine years. In 1966 he resigned from his service to consecrate his life to the Wish of God—for the spiritual regeneration of humanity and to spread practical spirituality for every man.

He travels throughout the country giving discourses, discussions and conducting Meditation Camps. **He challenges and shatters all the set patterns and values of human culture and knowledge.** He wants to indicate the totality of Life, and brings about the Total Transformation of human beings. The process, the Alchemy for the inner transformation, he says, is MEDITATION and SAMADHI. As a back-ground for this, one must be free from the clutches of scriptures, words, authorities, traditions, knowledges, beliefs and the past memories. He says that when the consciousness is totally non-identified with the contents

within and without it, in that Void, Emptiness, an explosion of every thing takes place. One transcends the body, the mind, the thoughts **and there remains the pure Is-ness**, the mysterious divinity, infinite bliss which no words can describe.

He says, the total transformation of every individual being into his total divine potentialities is the Way, the dimension, the solution, for the uncountable problems of modern civilization. That alone can save Man from total destruction.

Due to his lecture tours and meditation camps, some inspired friends and seekers have formed many '**Life Awakening Centres**' throughout India. They publish his lectures, conduct his tours and meditation camps. In Hindi language they publish a quarterly magazine — 'JYOTI SHIKHA' (the Divine Flame) and a monthly magazine 'YUKRAND' (bulletin of Rebellious Youth Force). In the near future they are going to publish an English monthly magazine also.

They have a vision to create a "**World Meditation Centre**" where all the dimensions of human potentialities could be experimented, searched and awakened in the light of modern science, human wisdom and practical spirituality.

Thousands of seekers from India and abroad are coming closer and closer to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Many of them are being transformed, changed and awakened. **Unseen forces are attracting seekers from all the corners of the world towards Bhagwan Shree** to usher a world-wide movement for Spiritual Awakening.

In India Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh speaks in the Hindi language. His lectures on various subjects are published in the form of books. Many of the books have been translated into different Indian languages and some of them are in English. The English speaking audience and foreign interviewers, he addresses in English.

Now Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has settled in Bombay having his World Head Quarters of Life Awakening Movement here.

He has also initiated and inspired a "Neo-Sannyas International Movement" in which seekers from different religions, such as — Hindu, Jain, Mohammedan, Christian, Jew, Bud-

dhist, Sikkha — have been initiated into Sannyas-Life forming a Family of Religions. Uptil now 460 Sannyasis from India and abroad have been initiated into "Neo-Sannyas."

Under his guidance these experienced Sannyasis are travelling throughout India to conduct meditation experiments, inspiring people about Real Life. These Sannyasis are also conducting Divine Healing Experiments. Within a few months these Neo-Sannyasis will start for a World Tour to spread the message and practical spirituality of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through 'Neo-Sannyas International' and Life Awakening Movement.

Let God send thirsty seekers, striving souls, restless youths and the hungry and angry new generation to dive deep into the cool and serene illumination, enlightenment, and divinity of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and be awakened to save humanity.

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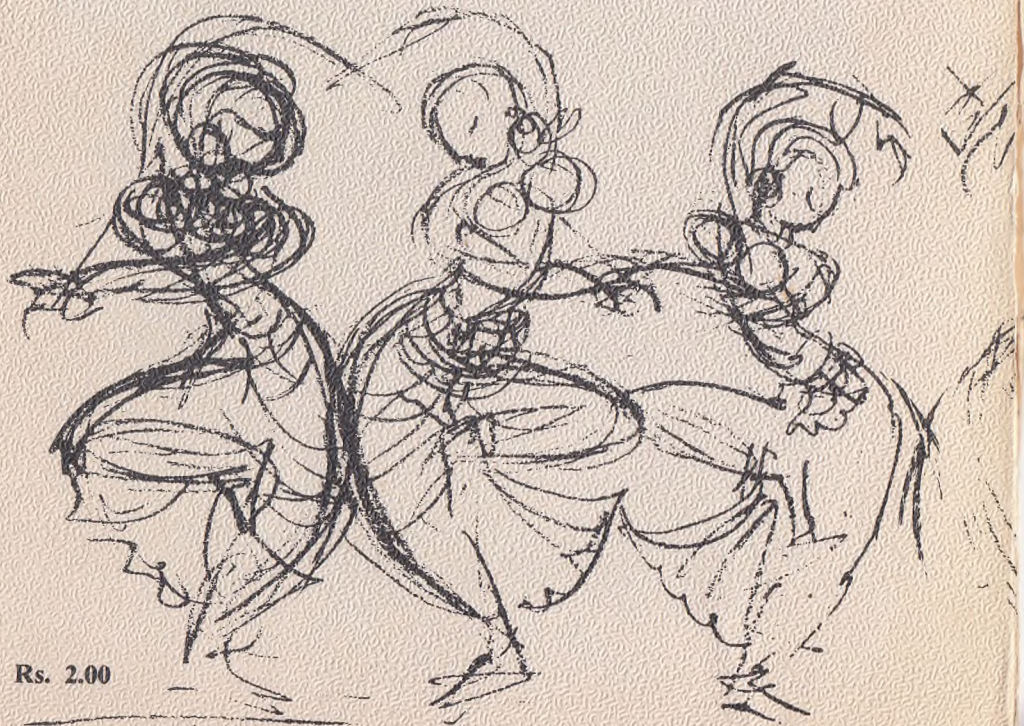
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